

Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic"

Award Information

This special award recognizes the life-time accomplishments of our senior mechanics. The award is named in honor of Mr. Charles Taylor, the first aviation mechanic in powered flight, the man that built and maintained those first aircraft engines. Mr. Taylor served as the Wright brothers' mechanic and is credited with designing and building the engine for their first successful aircraft.

The award is in the form of a certificate and lapel pin. The certificate is signed by the FAA Administrator. A smaller version of the lapel pin for the spouse will recognize their contribution. A "Role of Honor" with the recipients name, city and state, and certificate number will be in a prominent place in the Washington DC, Federal Aviation Building.

A selection committee comprised of the FSDO airworthiness safety program manager, a airworthiness supervisor and airworthiness safety inspector will review the application letters and select qualified individuals for this award. The award is presented at a suitable FAA or industry function to help build personal pride with the profession of aviation maintenance.

To be eligible for the "Master Mechanic" award, candidates must meet the following criteria.

- Any individual with at least a total of 50 years in aviation maintenance as a mechanic, repairman, avionics, manager, inspector or instructor as long as he/she kept his/her credentials.
- For a minimum of 30 years, the applicant must have been an FAA-certificated mechanic or repairman.
- The remaining 20 years may be accepted if that individual served as a mechanic in the military or worked in the aviation maintenance or manufacturing industry.
- Any individual who has had his/her certificate revoked by the FAA *will not* be eligible for the award.
- Any previous enforcement's actions, other than revocation, will be reviewed by the selection committee, with consideration towards eligibility.

Any person who meets the eligibility requirements, or any person on behalf of the eligible person, may apply for the award by sending a *notarized letter* to the local FSDO. The letter must contain the following:

- **The kind of certificate(s) held, including the original issue date(s) of the certificate(s) if available.**
- **A detailed resume' of past employment.**
- **Three letters of recommendation from certificated mechanics or repairman.**

For more information, contact your local FSDO.

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